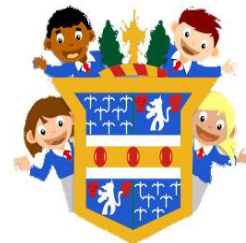


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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

(for parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners)

Week ending Friday 13th March

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

We have returned from Kilve Court with Year 5, who were a fantastic group of children to be on residential with. They challenged themselves in so many ways, whether it was trying a new activity, being away from home for the first time or eating new food. Ms Wilkinson, Mrs Minty and myself couldn't have been prouder and received many compliments for their wonderful manners and team work. A huge thank you to the ladies who accompanied the class, for giving their evenings and a lot of energy. We all came home exhausted, but very happy!

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

ATTENDANCE - As a school we continue to aim for our school attendance to be 96% and **this week our whole school attendance has been 94%**. If you need advice or support on how to improve your child's attendance, please contact the School Office Team and we will be happy to discuss this matter further with you. From children having difficulty sleeping to medical concerns, please contact us and we can support your family or signpost you to the best people. **Please remember to inform the School Office if your child is not attending school and give a specific reason for their absence, (please do not say 'unwell' or 'sick') this will need to be done for each day your child/ren is absent for our records. Our School Office is open daily from 8.45am – 3.15pm** The Department for Education published revised guidance, which came into effect The Department for Education published revised guidance, which came into effect from August 2024. We have attached the guidance to this newsletter and the letter previously sent out to families from Wiltshire LA, which advises of all of the changes and penalties which you could incur. We would ask you to be fully aware of these changes when requesting time away from school or holidays



CONSIDERATE PARKING AND STAYING SAFE ON THE LACOCK ROAD – We are very grateful to all those families who considerately and carefully park on the Lacock Road, and help us to all work together, to keep our children safe. We have previously shared the parking guidance e.g. not parking on the hatchings, and the local authority do continue to send traffic officers to monitor the road. Last week we shared a parentmail from YMCA Mansion House, regarding an incident where a parent was confronted by a man, about their parking. This gentleman was in his 40s and driving a grey LT2000 Mitsubishi (large pick-up type truck). The incident was reported to the police using 101. If you encounter any issues which you deem to be dangerous, we would urge you to report the matter. Thank you for working with us to keep our community safe.



CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classrooms is fully accessible to all families with children in Years 1 to Year 6 and Tapestry is available for our Reception families. If you encounter any difficulties, please speak to our Office Team, for further guidance. Here you will find all of our curriculum updates for your child/ren's class. This information includes:

- A curriculum update for the term
- Termly curriculum newsletter
- Weekly Home Learning
- * PE days for your child/ren
- * Termly key vocabulary
- * Notices e.g. school trip details, changes to normal timetable

A SAD FAREWELL TO OUR FRIEND MISS JONES - As you know, Miss Jones returned to us earlier this year following her maternity leave. We have been delighted to welcome her back and are grateful for the energy, care, and dedication she has brought to the school during her 10 years with us. Miss Jones has recently been offered an exciting new opportunity at another school, closer to her home, and she has made the decision to take on this next step in her career. She will therefore be leaving our school at the end of this term. Miss Jones' last day will be Tuesday 24th March. While we are, of course, sad to see her go, we are incredibly pleased for her as she embarks on this new chapter. We know she will make a wonderful contribution to her new school, just as she has here. To ensure a smooth and positive transition for our Year 2 children, in terms 5 and 6, Mrs Solomon will teach the class Monday - Wednesday and Mrs Courtney will teach the class on Thursday and Friday. Sports Teachers will continue to teach the PE lessons. Please join us in wishing Miss Jones every success and happiness in her new role.

YEAR 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY – It was a real delight to see Year 3's class assembly on our first Friday back. As I could not attend on the day, I was kindly shown a preview on Thursday and was so impressed with the level of knowledge that the children shared, especially in areas such as the Mesolithic, Neolithic, Palaeolithic times, as an area many adults would struggle to understand. Year 3 were confident and

articulate in their sharing of this historical learning and used great humour throughout...a guaranteed way to keep us all fully engaged. A huge well done to them all and the Year 3 team. What a way to start term 4!

YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY – We have been exceptionally lucky to be treated to another class assembly last Friday, this time from Year 1. They took on a trip through time to teach us about Mary Anning, the fossil hunter who changed the world, and how our world came to look like it does today. Their wonderful version of the Mary Anning and Continents songs were a real treat, and very catchy! We loved hearing their story and mostly their beaming smiles, throughout the assembly. A huge well done to the children and whole Year 1 team. What an achievement at such a young age!

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS – We would like to warmly invite you to join us in school on **Tuesday, 17th March at 2:30pm**, to meet your child and walk around our school, to explore the wonderful work they will have created for our St Patrick's Day project- Creating Purposeful Prayer Spaces. During the day, the children will have been working thoughtfully and creatively to design these spaces, and will be very excited to share their ideas and creations with you. This will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate the efforts of all the children across the school and spend time together discovering the meaning behind their work. We look forward to welcoming you into school for this special afternoon. **Gates will open at 2:30pm. You will then be able to collect your child(ren) from their classrooms and discover our prayer spaces together.**



ENRICHMENT

WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED A ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AWARD – We are delighted to announce that we have recently been awarded the RHS level 2 Gardening Award, which you will now see proudly displayed on our letter heads! In order to achieve this, we had to show that we *all* contribute to our gardening plans at school, that we are learning new gardening skills and we use gardening to support our wellbeing. We are so proud of how our gardening club have been transforming and maintaining our front garden over the past year. We now have a flower area which aims to be a calming sensory space for all and will also produce cut flowers and attract a range of wildlife. We also have a 'vegetable garden' which we hope will be full of produce to share. The whole school are welcome to enjoy this area during outdoor learning opportunities and we look forward to seeing which other parts of the school grounds we can improve through gardening. Next stop- level 3!

Mrs Minty – Gardening Club Leader

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

SWIMMING AT SPRINGFIELD – As you know Springfield Community Campus Pool remains closed at present, due to 'additional remedial work that is required'. This does mean that our swimming lessons have had to be put on hold, due to this work. We will keep you updated when we are informed of a new start date, for swimming lessons to resume.

Dates for your Diary...

Mon. 16th March	Celebration of the Word – school only – Year 1 to lead on Saint Joseph Stations of the Cross @ 12 noon led by our Chaplaincy Team Gardening Club Years 1-2 3.15-4.15pm
Tues. 17th March	Saint Patrick's Day 'Creating Purposeful Prayer Spaces' – all children to wear green and parents to join us at school @ 2.30pm Multi Sports Club Years 1-2 - 3.15 – 4.15pm
Wed. 18th March	Father Craig Visit to KS1 to talk about Superheroes Stations of the Cross @ 12 noon led by our Chaplaincy Team
Thurs. 19th March	Celebration of the Word – school only Rock Steady Concert Multi Sports Club Years 3-6 3.15 – 4.15pm
Fri. 20th March	Stations of the Cross @ 12 noon led by our Chaplaincy Team Reception <i>Class Assembly</i> – <i>Reception families welcome</i> Year 1 – 6 Reports sent out to parents
Future Dates....	Sat. 21st March – PTFA St Patrick's Feast Day Family Quiz Night – Postponed Mon. 23rd – 25th March – Year 6 Grittleton Residential Thurs. 26th March – SEN Coffee and Catch Up with Mrs Sykes @ 2pm Fri. 27th March – Crazy Hair Day, school uniform to still be worn KS1 Lent Pilgrimage led by Year 6 Last Day of term

INSET DAYS FOR 2025-26

Mon. 1st September 2025
Mon. 5th January 2025
Mon. 1st June 2026
Tues. 2nd June 2026
Wed. 3rd June 2026

Have a lovely weekend and see you for our Feast Day next week!

Jennie Courtney
Headteacher

March for March

Help us raise some vital funds by marching this March
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outdoors

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